

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract in the manner identified below.

A storage and retrieval unit comprises ~~in a known manner~~ a supporting carriage, ~~which is~~ movable along a rack aisle on a ~~at least one~~ substantially horizontal supporting rail. A lifting platform ~~intended for receiving storage items~~ is taken along by the supporting carriage in the horizontal movement and can be moved relative to it in the vertical direction with ~~the aid of~~ a lifting apparatus comprising ~~at least two~~ traction means on which the lifting platform is suspended. ~~In order to prevent the lifting platform from swinging out in the lateral direction, a~~ A stabilising device is provided. ~~The latter comprises~~ with a stabilising carriage, ~~which is~~ movable by ~~means of~~ its own drive along ~~a~~ ~~at least one~~ guide rail running at a vertical distance from and parallel to the supporting rail. A substantially rigid connecting structure having a horizontal extension component is articulated ~~both~~ on the lifting platform and ~~on~~ the stabilising carriage. The horizontal distance between the lifting platform and the stabilising carriage is changed by ~~means of~~ a control system, ~~by corresponding movement of the stabilising carriage, in such a way~~ that the lifting platform can perform only the desired, in particular vertical, movement relative to the supporting carriage. ~~This storage and retrieval unit has only very small masses which can oscillate and are to be accelerated.~~